

Capsule Summary  
SM-155  
Carberry/Abell Farm  
Compton  
Private

c. 1860s

The Carberry/Abell Farm is a very significant complex of dwellings and agricultural outbuildings located near Compton, St. Mary's County, Maryland. Constructed c. 1860s by James and Julia Carberry, the main dwelling is a rare, two story, brick, double-cell plan house with a one-and-a-half story rear ell. While additions to the house have obscured the original layout, the dwelling remains as an exceptionally late example of an eighteenth century floor plan. While the original house draws comparisons with eighteenth century urban townhouses, the dwelling was unmistakably built in the mid-nineteenth century. The brick, for instance, is laid in a seven-to-one common bond and the house features a corbelled, sawtooth brick cornice on its west elevation. The mantles are also relatively undecorated as they exhibit flat engaged columns and a plain frieze. The house was greatly enlarged in the early-twentieth century. The complex features several agricultural outbuildings including a meathouse, corn crib, and barn that all roughly date to the same period as the house. A two story, three bay tenant house, located 0.1 mile to the northwest was also constructed during the same time period. While added to in the 1950s, the tenant house retains much of its original fabric including the hewn and pit-sawn braced frame, dentilated cornice and a plain interior-end fireplace. Overall, the Carberry/Abell Farm demonstrates the transformation of St. Mary's County's landscape during and/or just after the American Civil War. The visual relationship between the tenant house and the main dwelling testify to the abolition of slavery and the abrupt reliance upon agricultural tenancy. The complex is also significant for its ownership by two prominent families. The Carberrys owned the farm from 1867-1890s, while the Abell family has owned the farm from 1898-1997.

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building, Farm Complex
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-155

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Carberry/Abell Farm

and/or common Joseph Abell Farm/Perry and Shirley Abell Farm

### 2. Location

On the W side of the intersection of Lady Baltimore Avenue and Bayside Road  
street & number ☐ not for publication

city, town Compton ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Perry and Shirley N. Abell

street & number General Delivery telephone no.: 301-475-9215

city, town Compton state and zip code Md 20627

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 398

street & number folio 88

city, town Leonardtown state Md

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Joseph Abell House

date August 1970 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Md

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: 6

The Carberry/Abell Farm is located approximately 0.2 miles north of the intersection of Maryland Route 243 and Bayside Road in Compton, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The complex, consisting of a main dwelling, meathouse, carriage house, horse barn, cow barn, two corn cribs, a hog pen, and a tobacco barn, is oriented along an extended dirt yard that extends perpendicular and to the east of Bayside Road. A tenant house is located 0.1 mile north of the complex. The main dwelling is located close the the road and is oriented on a east/west axis while many of the outbuildings are oriented on a north/south axis. The complex is situated on a flat 94 acre tract largely used for cattle grazing as well as the cultivation of soybean.

Constructed c. 1860s, the main dwelling is a two story, brick and frame, double-cell plan dwelling with a gable roof. While altered by several subsequent additions, the original dwelling consisted of a two story, two bay, double-cell plan, brick house with a one-and-a-half story, one room ell located in the rear. The walls are erected in a seven-to-one common brick bond and covered with white paint. At the junction of the wall and roof is a stepped, sawtooth brick cornice (now hidden by a gutter). The roof, pierced by a pair of interior end chimneys, is covered with asphalt shingles. This original section received several additions that include a one bay, two story, side passage to the main block of the house as well as an early-twentieth century, two story, German siding covered addition that extends perpendicular from the main block almost entirely encasing the rear ell.

The primary or west elevation of the dwelling consists of the two bay, two story main block and the one bay, two story frame side passage. The first floor bays are shaded by a wrap around, screened-in porch that features five square columns with scroll sawn brackets and a balustrade. The porch is covered with a corrugated metal roof. Behind the porch, the main block features two, symmetrically aligned, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows that exhibit flat jack arches. (Note: All windows are six-over-six sash unless otherwise mentioned.) Immediately above these bays are two windows that each have a pair of functional louvered shutters. The first floor of the frame, side passage addition, constructed slightly behind the wall of the brick main block, exhibits a four-panel door with a pair of sidelights. Above this door is a single window.

The south elevation consists of the gable end of the main block and the rear additions. The main block's first floor is partially obscured by the wrap around porch. The porch, however, does not shade any windows as two are located near the eastern edge of the building. One of these windows was punched through the wall in the early-twentieth century. The second floor features two windows located closer to the east and west edges of the main block. Immediately behind the original section is a screened-in porch that covers entrances to the main block, the original brick rear ell, and the frame addition. Just above the currugated metal covered porch roof is a three step brick cornice that denotes the original cornice of the brick ell. In the early-twentieth century, however, the ell was raised to a full two stories. The second floor of the ell is now pierced by a single window. A brick chimney still projects beyond the roof line of the ell. The rear, two story, frame addition was at one time a detached summer kitchen that was subsequently attached to the dwelling. The south face of this addition consists of a door and window on the first floor and a pair of windows on the second floor.

The east elevation features the gable end of the summer kitchen as well as a shed addition.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☒ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Judging from architectural evidence, the Carberry/Abell farm dwelling and complex were built by Julia F. and James A. Carberry in the 1860s after they amassed a 96 + acre farm named "Scotland," "Vowles Purchase," "Vowles," and "Rocky Point." James Carberry is listed in the 1850 census as a sailor. By 1860, however, he is listed as a merchant in dry goods. By 1870 he is listed as retaining \$1700 in real estate and a \$450 personal estate. It is presumably between 1860 and 1870 when the Carberrys erected the brick dwelling. In 1884 the Carberrys transferred the tract to Clifford A. Carberry their son. Curiously, J. Perry and Sarah P. Abell are listed as the owners of the property in 1898. Unfortunately, the deed trace could not substantiate how the property was transferred to the from the Carberrys to the Abells. The property remains in the Abell family ownership in 1997.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-155

United States Census Schedule of Population, 1850, 1860, 1870.

Interviews with Perry and Shirley Abell, December, 1996.

Gabrielle M. Lanier with Bernard L. Herman, Manuscript: A Field Guide to Delaware Architecture, Center for Historic Architecture and Engineering, Univ. of DE, 1992.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 114.17 acres

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed reference.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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The first floor of the summer kitchen is pierced by a window while the shed addition features a set of paired six light fixed sash windows. A brick chimney flue rises from the shed addition and is flanked on the second floor by a window on either side.

The entire north elevation is sheathed with German siding and features a one story projecting wing. The summer kitchen section features a centrally located door flanked on either side by two sets of sliding windows. The second floor of the summer kitchen is pierced by two windows. The one story projecting wing is pierced by a set of paired windows (windows are also located on its east and west sides as well). Above this wing is a single window. The first floor of the front section features two windows. The second floor features three windows--a modern one-over-one window and two six-over-six windows. A single window lights the attic story.

The interior of the main block originally consisted of two rooms. Each of these rooms were entered via doors with reeded architraves located in the main blocks' north gable end. Each of these rooms featured a mantle with flat engaged pilasters and a plain frieze. The rear room contained a stair to two second floor bedrooms that was removed in the early-twentieth century and also features a doorway to the rear porch. The rear one-and-a-half story ell could only be entered via the porch and not directly from the rear room. The ell contained a fireplace (presently covered) that does not appear to have been decorated with a mantle. Sometime in the early-twentieth century the passage was added. The passage features an open string stair with a turned newel and balusters as well as scroll sawn stair brackets. Immediately behind the passage is a large room that served as the dining room. The dining room then leads to the rear (now attached) summer kitchen. The second floor of the dwelling, entered via the stair, features a passage that permits entry to the two bedrooms above the original double-cell house. The passage then extends the length of much of the house allowing entry into several bedrooms and a bathroom located immediately to the south of it.

A frame meathouse, probably erected contemporary to the main house, is located just east of the main dwelling. The meathouse rests on a brick pier foundation and is sheathed with vertical board siding. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The meathouse contains a single door on its west elevation. The interior features an exposed braced frame consisting of hewn and pit sawn studs, corner posts, sills, joists, down braces, and rafters.

A two story, clapboard covered carriage house or garage, constructed in the early-twentieth century, is also located just southeast of the main house. The building's primary or south elevation features a pair of swinging doors with a two-over-two, double-hung sash window located directly above. The east and west elevations of the building are each pierced by two windows--a two-over-two window situated on the first and second floors. The north elevation is blind.

A pair of corncribs are located approximately 50 yards east of the house. Aligned on the north side of the farm yard they both appear to have been constructed in the early-twentieth century. The easternmost one, however, probably dates to the 1870s. The braced frame crib is situated on a poured concrete pier foundation and is sheathed with vertical siding. The gable roof is covered with a corrugated metal. A single door pierces the south elevation of the building. According to J. Perry Abell, the current owner of the farm, the corn crib was moved from a location only a few feet south of its present site.

A braced frame tobacco barn, constructed c. 1850s-1860s, is located only ten yards east of

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7.2 Description

the corncribs. This cross axial plan tobacco barn, originally measuring 32' 8" x 20' 1" (without the shed) features a single shed on its south elevation and an addition on its east side. The building is situated on a brick pier foundation and is covered with much of its original vertical board siding while its gable roof is covered with a raised-seam metal. The building is framed using hewn corner posts that rest on hewn sills and girts. The corners are braced with pit sawn framing members. A single transverse braced girt extends from the south to north sides. The braces for this girt are half-dovetailed and lapped into the girt and then double pegged and nailed. A post and part of the sill on the north elevation have been removed to permit access by a tractor. The wall plates on the south and north sides are stabilized by hewn transverse girts or joists that are notched over the plates and extend beyond the exterior wall surface. These girts or joists support a false plate that in turn supports the common rafters that are butted at the roof's peak. These rafters are aligned with each of the joists. The barn's north or primary elevation features a two pairs of swinging doors—one located on the original section and one on the newer addition. The west elevation features a single door. According to J. Perry Abell, this side of the barn once contained a shed that was later removed. The south elevation contains a twelve foot long shed supported by a series of hole set cedar posts. The east elevation has been altered by the addition of a full height extension. This extension replaced an earlier shed. The original interior of the barn was divided into eight, four-foot rooms. The horizontal tobacco poles were supported by vertical braces or "swinging tiers" that hung from the top joists or girts. These braces were composed of two vertical pit sawn slats, eight inches apart, connected by wood pegs. These braces would be located in the middle of the barn to provide added support the tobacco poles. The south or shed side of the barn is covered with vertical, pit sawn, wood slats that permit an adequate air draft through the barn. Other changes to the barn include the partial removal of the sill and post on the north side of the barn to permit access into the barn.

Approximately 0.1 mile north of the main house is a two story, three bay, one room plan, frame tenant house constructed c. 1860s with a c. 1950s, two story frame addition. The braced frame dwelling is sheathed with horizontal clapboard fastened with mature cut nails. The framing is composed of hewn corner posts and sills, pit sawn and hewn floor joists, and hewn and pit sawn rafters that are joined at the roof's peak with an open mortise joint held together with mature cut nails. At the juncture of the roof and wall is a dentilated box cornice that extends the length of the original section. The dentils are small wood blocks fastened to the fascia board with a pair of mature cut nails. The gable roof is covered with raised seam metal and is pierced by an interior-end brick chimney and a concrete block chimney flue. To the east of the house is a single privy.

The primary or west elevation of the original block is pierced by two, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows and a four panel door. The second floor is pierced by three six-over-six windows. The c. 1950s addition features a single six-over-six window on the first and second floors. The south elevation does not feature any openings but does contain a centrally located exterior end concrete block chimney flue. The east elevation of the original dwelling featured a door opening on the first floor and a window on the second floor (both now removed). The addition exhibits a six-over-six window on the first and second floors. The north elevation exhibits a single door as well as evidence of a gable roof addition that has since been destroyed. The interior of the original section was originally covered with circular sawn lathe and plaster but is now sheathed with beaded matchstick. The one room featured a plastered, but otherwise undecorated, brick fireplace. This room also contained a door to the kitchen located in the new addition and a stair to an upstairs passage and a bedroom over both the old section and new section.



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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title (Please note all deed references are from the Land Records located at Saint Mary's County Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 398, Folio 88

Grantee: Joseph Perry and Shirley N. Abell (Married--April 10, 1948)

Grantor: Joseph Perry Abell (surviving tenant of the entirety)

Date: February 10, 1988

Note: The property contains 94 acres and is known as Scotland, Vowles Purchase, Vowles Purchase and Rocky Point, generally known as James Carberry Farm or the Carberry Farm. Noema W. Abell died on July 10, 1986 and the property passed on to Joseph Perry Abell. The reference for her estate is Estate No. 4807.

Reference: Liber CBG 96, Folio 407

Grantee: Noema W. and Joseph P. Abell

Grantor: Mary Fowler

Date: August 28, 1961

Reference: Liber CBG 96, Folio 405

Grantee: Mary Fowler

Grantor: Noema W. and Joseph P. Abell

Date: August 28, 1961

Reference: Liber CBG 18, Folio 367

Grantee: Noema W. Abell (widow of J. Fulton Abell)

Grantor: J. Frank Abell and Lucy Ann Abell (his wife), Sister Sara Ann Abell, Catherine Colona and Paul Colona (her husband), Carl Francis Abell, Sister Alberta Maria Abell, Sister Lucina Maria Abell, Marie Basford and Bernard Bassford (her husband), Walter B. and Nora E. Abell (his wife), J. Perry Abell, single, Loretta E. Abell, single, (all children and grandchildren of J. Fulton Abell).

Date: June 15, 1946

Reference: Liber JMM 1, Folio 15

Grantee: J. Fulton Abell

Grantor: Joseph Henry Ching (trustee for J. Perry Abell)

Date: May 16, 1922

Note: The original estate was devised to the late J. Perry Abell by last will of J. Thomas Abell on January 9, 1917. J. Perry Abell, however, died soon after in "seized and possessed" or in debt. An equity case ensued involving Annie Mary Agnes Guy and others vs Anita Beatrice Abell. The case agreed to sell the 94 acre property

Reference: Mortgage, Liber EBA 8, Folio 50

Grantee: J. Thomas and Susan P. Abell

Grantor: William Meverill Loker

Date: August 14, 1909

Note: Here the Abell's take out a mortgage of \$800 for the now 97 acre property. The Abell's do this for their son, J. Perry and his wife Sarah F. Abell.

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Reference: Liber EBA 3, Folio 222  
Grantee: Susan P. Abell  
Grantor: J. Thomas Abell  
Date: June 9, 1903

Reference: Liber JJG 5, Folio 303  
Grantee: J. Thomas Abell  
Grantor: J. Perry and Sarah P. Abell  
Date: September 21, 1898

Note: Here the property is mentioned as consisting of two parcels. One 26 4/100 acre parcel is listed as containing a brick dwelling with other buildings. Another adjoining 70 acre tract is named "Scotland," Vowles Purchase," and Vowles and Rocky Point. The property was purchased for \$1500. After this deed, the property is divided into two basic parcels and it is not entirely certain how the Abell's obtained the property.

Tract #1

Reference: Liber JFF 7, Folio 491  
Grantee: Minnie F. Carberry  
Grantor: Clifford A. Carberry  
Date: December 8, 1884  
Note: The tract is listed as containing 26 11/12 acres.

Reference: Liber JFF 7, Folio 222  
Grantee: Clifford A. Carberry  
Grantor: Julia F. and James A. Carberry  
Date: April 21, 1884  
Note: Same as above.

Tract #1a

Reference: Liber JAC 2, Folio 310  
Grantee: Julia F. Carberry  
Grantor: John and Sarah Ann Goldsborough  
Date: April 18, 1867  
Note: This 5 1/3 acre tract is combined with the next deed to form the 26+ acre tract.

Tract #1b

Reference: Liber JAC 1, Folio 459  
Grantee: Julia F. Carberry  
Grantor: Samuel and Mary Blair  
Date: February 23, 1866  
Note: This 19 1/4 acre tract was once part of Ann Thompson's land that was willed to Samuel Blair, Jr. This parcel consisted of the most SE part of the whole tract and was since deeded to Mary Blair by said Samuel Blair, Jr. Ann Thompson's will (Liber GC 2, Folio 50) notes that her plantation, consisting of Vowles Purchase and Rocky Point (50 acres), was occupied at the time of her will (1842) by James A. Maryman.

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Tract #2

Reference: Mortgage, Liber JFF 7, Folio 92  
Grantee: Clifford A. and Minnie Carberry  
Grantor: Enoch B. Abell and B. Harris Camalier, adm. of George H. Combs' estate  
Date: November 20, 1883  
Note: The Carberry's take out a mortgage of \$365.00 for their 70 acre tract.

Reference: Liber JFF 6, Folio 318  
Grantee: Clifford A. Carberry  
Grantor: Julia F. and James A. Carberry  
Date: April 10, 1883  
Note: This 70 acre tract is called "Scotland" and "Vowles Purchase" and located in the Beggar's Neck section.

Reference: Liber JFF 1, Folio 397-98  
Grantee: James A. Carberry  
Grantor: J. Frank Ford  
Date: May 31, 1875

Reference: Liber JFF 1, Folio 397  
Grantee: J. Frank Ford  
Grantor: James T. M. Raley, trustee  
Date: May 31, 1875  
Note: Here the 70 acre property called Scotland and Vowles Purchase is involved in an equity case involving James T. M. Raley vs Samuel Blair, James Carberry, and William C. Rowes. The property is sold to J. Frank Ford and then immediately sold back to James Carberry.

Tract #2a

Reference: Mortgage, Liber JFF 1, Folio 118  
Grantee: John and Rebecca Goldsborough  
Grantor: James Carberry  
Date: April 27, 1874  
Note: The Goldsborough's take out a \$127.30 mortgage on Vowles Purchase which consists of 22 acres.

Tract #2 (resume)

Reference: Mortgage, Liber JAC 4, Folio 165  
Grantee: Samuel and Mary Blair (grandson of Ann Thompson)  
Grantor: James A. Carberry  
Date: December 15, 1869  
Note: A \$200 mortgage is taken out by Samuel and Mary Blair on 70 acres that includes Scotland, Vowles Purchase, and Rocky Point.

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Resume entire tract

Reference: Liber JTB 1, Folio 702

Grantee: Ann Eliza Thompson (wife of Charles Thompson)

Grantor: John G. and Jane G. Campbell (partial interest)

Date: August 5, 1854

Note: Here the property is listed as containing 330 acres. Parcels include, Vowles Purchase, Maryman's Lot, White Acre, Addition to White Acre, Vowle's Purchase, Part of Scotland, 3/4 Richard Maryman's Lot, Cissil's Venture, Long Neck--all the land formerly owned by Charles Thompson.

Reference: Liber JTB 1, Folio 528-530

Grantee: John G. Campbell, Charles County

Grantor: Clark J. Durant, esq, Sheriff

Date: 1853

Note: The property, containing 392 acres is sold by the Sherriff for \$6,500.

Reference: Liber JH 9, Folio 238

Grantee: Charles Thompson

Grantor: Aloysius and Elizabeth E. Thompson (1/4 interest)

Date: May 5, 1832

Note: The entire property consists of 245 1/2 acres and was sold for \$4,000. The individual tracts are listed as follows:

Vowles Purchase and White Acre, 22 acres

Maryman's Lot and Vowle's Purchase, 5 acres

White Acre, 50 acres

Addition to White Acre, 18 acres

Vowle's Purchase, 12 acres

Cissel's Venture, 30 1/2 acres

Reference: Liber JH 9, Folio 166-169

Grantee: Aloysius and Elizabeth E. Thompson

Grantor: Horatio Maryman of Alexandria County, District of Columbia, personal representative of Richard Maryman

Date: December 21, 1831

Note: The 245 1/2 acre property was purchased for \$300.

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JOSEPH ABELL HOUSE

*early 19th century*

*Compton*

*Private*

The earliest part of this two-story, two-bay brick house is a one-story, one-bay wing at one end.

Abell <sup>Farmhouse</sup> Property SM-155  
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NOMINATION FORM  
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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <u>Abell Farmhouse Property</u> (Joseph Abell House)				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Bayside Rd.</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Compton</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY: <u>St. Mary's</u>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Joseph P. and Noema (Norma?) W. Abell</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Joseph P. and Noema W. Abell St. Mary's County Courthouse</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Washington Street and Courthouse Drive</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Leonardtwn</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)    (Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Joseph Abell <del>property</del> <sup>farmhouse</sup> is a two-story brick house with two bays long by two bays wide with two chimneys. There is a one-bay wing the size of the main block.</p>	

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☐ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociol/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itorion                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Section 1: General Information		Section 2: Academic History	
Name	Address	Current School	Previous Schools
John Doe	123 Main St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Jane Smith	456 Elm St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Bob Johnson	789 Oak St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Alice Brown	101 Pine St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Charlie Davis	202 Cedar St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Eve White	303 Birch St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Frank Green	404 Spruce St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Grace Black	505 Willow St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Henry Gold	606 Ash St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Ivy Silver	707 Hickory St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Jack Copper	808 Walnut St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Karen Iron	909 Cherry St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Leo Nickel	1010 Maple St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Mia Zinc	1111 Poplar St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Noah Lead	1212 Sycamore St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Olivia Tin	1313 Dogwood St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Peter Platinum	1414 Redwood St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Quinn Silver	1515 Cypress St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Sam Gold	1616 Juniper St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Tina Copper	1717 Fir St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Victor Iron	1818 Hemlock St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Wendy Nickel	1919 Larch St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Xavier Zinc	2020 Locust St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Yara Lead	2121 Cottonwood St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School
Zoe Tin	2222 Elm St, Anytown, CA 90210	Anytown High School	Anytown High School

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
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	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
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NE	0	'	"	0	'	"		
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"		
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NDMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Bourne</i>	
ORGANIZATION	DATE <i>8-70</i>
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

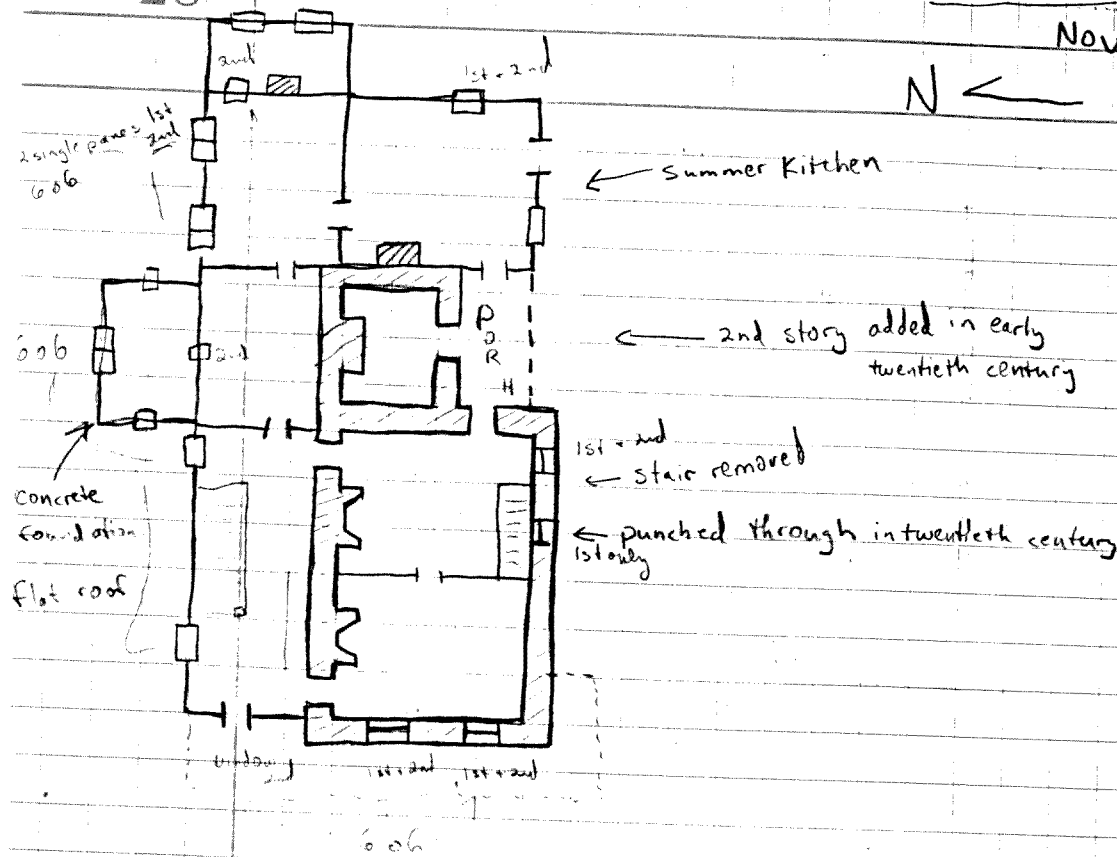
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Nov. 18, 1996

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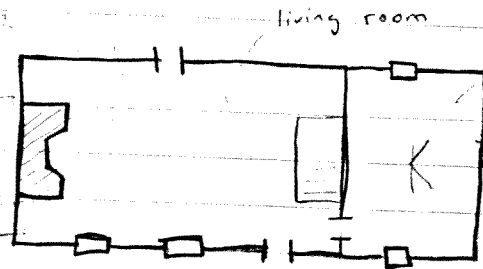
- 7-1 Common bond brick throughout
- rear mantle survives ⇒ plain w/ engaged Doric Columns
- brick foundation under whole thing
- enclosed cornice on frame section
- jack arches around original windows
- beveled siding around summer kitchen + frame section
- second story above brick kitchen was added in early twentieth century
- Summer Kitchen moved to present location
- additions for extra family members
- seasonal feasts ⇒ harvest time = plenty of hogs, pies, + steaks
- no evidence for stack in rear addition
- front door = 4 panels with sidelights
- asphalt shingle roof
- attenuated plan
- 3 step cornice on rear elevation + kitchen
- sawtooth + stepped cornice on primary elevation
- circular sawn lathe in passage

Agnes Lee  
1994-0145

Sanon Barnes brother  
to us

John Thompson

tie poles



→ frame, 4 bay  
→ 2 story  
→ large interior mantle

→ sash sawn joists = 1st floor

→ hewn + pit sawn on 2nd

→ rafters are hewn on one side + pit sawn on the other

→ dentilated cornice = nailing piece of wood to a fascia board = box cornice

→ corrugated metal roof

→ 3 rooms on second floor (2 b. rooms + 1 p.)

→ privy in rear (2 person)

→ enclosed stair (not box)

→ interior covered w/ matchboard

→ interior was originally plastered

one rafter

→ rafters are also tapered

→ fall onto a flat board false plate that rests on attic floor joists

→ rafters joined with bridge joints + nailed

→ hewn sill w/ down braces

→ barked log joists (1st)

→ fully formed cut nails throughout

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John Barnes

John Barnes

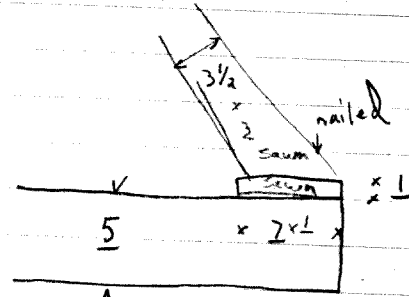
John Barnes

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rafter measurements =  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

joists =  $5 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$



Harvest time October 1st - 1st

braces

hewn + pit sawn

→ scrape from field lines

corn stalks

→ gas them now

corn binder = clipper chopper = selva

1922 stable →

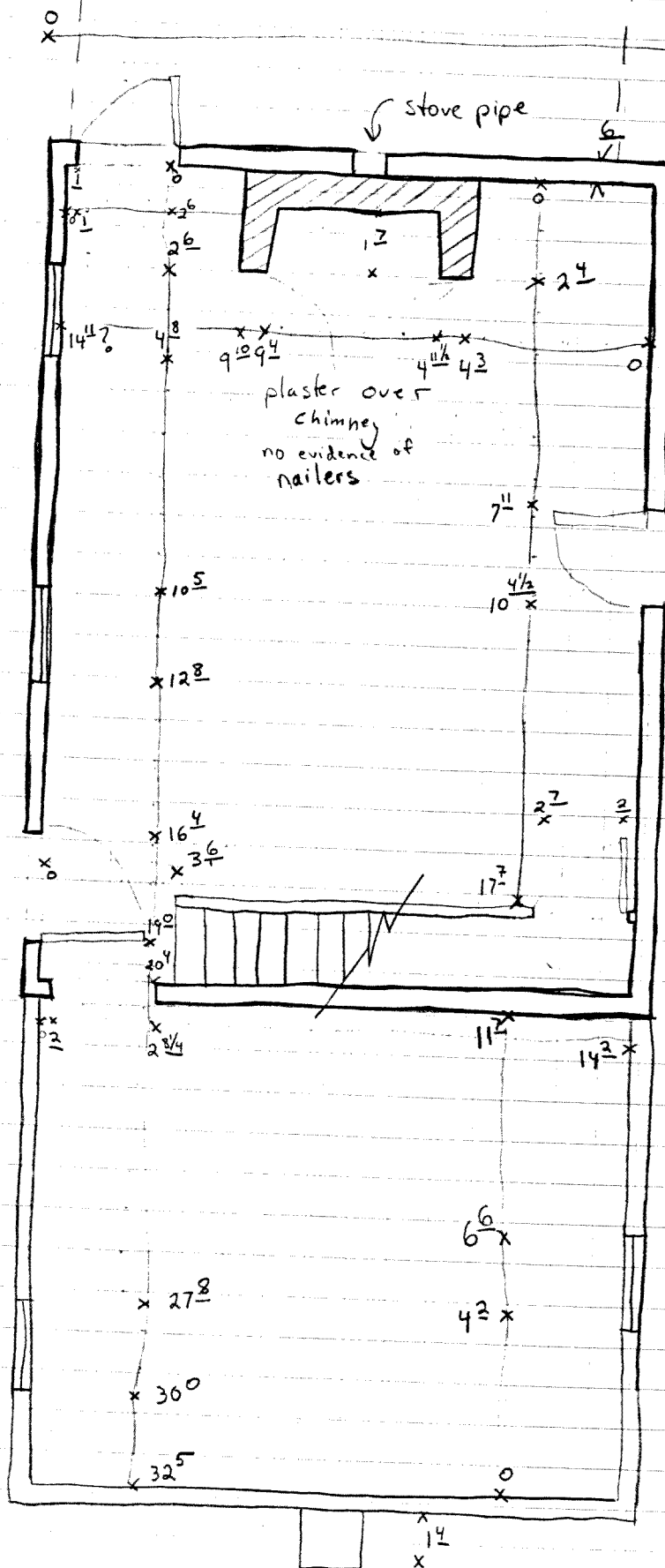
1954 new end = horse barn

fed shucks

labor day

corn shucks

→ selva



Carberry/Abell Farm Barn (SM-155)  
Compton Vicinity

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- 33

37

6'  
6'

enum  
6, 28

28

number  
136

3 1/2

33  
6

no evidence for door

not seen

lathail

16 1/2  
16 9

blows

12 3/4  
12 9/4

tier braces

2 10  
3 4 1/2 x

19 7/2  
20 2  
20 3/4

10 1/2 63 SILL

5 2 5 10  
Car level of all

5 10 5 1/2

26 11/2  
26 7 3/4

20 1/2 19 7/2  
x x

5 10 1/2 6 2 7 12 12 1  
x x x x

9 7 6 6 4 5 11  
x x x x x

32 1/2  
32 5

sills => 8 1/2 x 8 6 1/2

braces = pit sawn + half dovetailed 6 1/4 x 3

lath 7 x 4

2 1/2 5 1/2 x 3 1/2

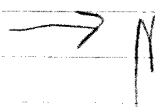
2 1/2 4 x 1 3/4

2 1/2 3 1/2 x 3

boards =

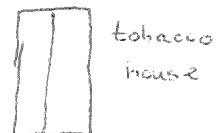
fully corner cut nails = 1 8 x

5 10 5 1/2 6 5 1/2



SM-155, Carberry/Abell Farm  
St. Mary's County  
Compton, Maryland

Farm  
Complex



(shed roof)

hog  
pen



corn  
cribs



old location  
of corncrib

old location  
of cow barn

barn



horse  
barn



Carriage  
house



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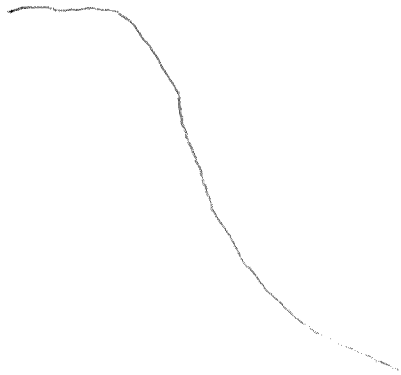
dirt track

Bayside Road

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SM-155, Carberry/Abell Farm  
St. Mary's County





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